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**SADC SECRETARIAT**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**COUNTRY: Botswana**

**NAME OF PROJECT: SADC REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT (RCRP)**

**PROJECT ID: P180171**

**ASSIGNMENT TITLE:** **Consultancy to Strengthen Regional and National Capacities for improved forecasting and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:     BW-SADC-482900-CS-QCBS (SADC/3/5/2/395)**

**DATE OF ISSUE: 6th June 2025**

The SADC Secretariat through the SADC Regional Climate Resilience Project (RCRP) has received a grant. The Project is the first in a Series of Projects (SOP), and involves Madagascar, Mozambique, South Sudan, Comoros, and two regional organizations: SADC, and the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO). The overarching development objective of the SOP is to strengthen the resilience to water-related climate impacts in Eastern and Southern African countries and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for Consultancy to Strengthen Regional and National Capacities for improved forecasting and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include to provide technical assistance to SADC Member States National Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (NMHEWS) through a comprehensive assessment of capacities and support for development of a regional platform for MHEWS. The assessment will evaluate the types, status, and barriers to interoperability of these systems. This will enable the Secretariat to identify strengths, weaknesses and gaps in all Member States early warning systems. Through the project the Secretariat intends to build the capacities of Member States early warning systems to ensure they have the necessary capacity to undertake early warning and disseminate early warning information for saving lives and protect infrastructure and property. It is anticipated that through the project Member States early warning systems will be strengthened and harmonized to enable the seamless sharing of early warning and other related information between Member States, the SADC Humanitarian and Emergency Operations Centre (SHOC), SADC-Climate Services Centre, and global, continental and national Early Warning Systems (EWS). And will run through for 18 months. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment: can be found at the following website: (<https://www.sadc.int/procurement-opportunities>)

The SADC Secretariat now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services and will be shortlisted using the below;

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| a | Applicant firm’s core business area alignment with the envisaged assignment at hand (please showcase the similar assignments);  | 50 |
| b | General and specific experiences of the applicant firm in terms of number of years in the consulting industry and number, similarity and complexity of successfully completed assignments within the last recent years (say 7 to 10 years); | 20 |
| c | Technical and managerial capability of the applicant firms in terms of corporate technical competence, financial capabilities, institutional quality management and overall team of experts under its command; (Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage) | 30 |
|  | Total | 100 |

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. which is available on the Bank’s website at https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/Procurement-Regulations-September-2023.pdf., setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Interested consultants may obtain further information where they done understand at the address below during office hours 08h00hours to 16h30hours Botswana time.

Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically in PDF format and dully signed via this **COLLAB LINK: https://collab.sadc.int/s/Cex63p7jHgLoLZD**

at or before midnight Botswana time on **27 June 2025** and using the drag and drop link provided above in a zip folder with all necessary documents for consideration.

**Firms are advised to submit their proposals during working hours for support in case of any technical problems. Expressions of Interest must be submitted as one PDF file or zipped folder bearing the name of the applicant.**

Below is the address for obtaining further information:

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